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SUBJ: LOCAL COMMUNIST REACTION TO SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE

1. LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY AN NIDA, WHICH IS MAJOR ORGAN FOR SOVIET PROPAGANDA TAILORED ESPECIALLY FOR REGIONAL ARAB CONSUMPTION, CARRIED REVEALING EDITIRIAL NOV 1 CRITICIZING SADAT'S REMARKS AT OCT 31 PRESS CONF AND CALLING FOR ESCALATION OF ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT ARAB WORLD. SUMMARY OF EDITORIAL FOLS:

2. NIDA WROTE THAT ARAB POLITICAL STRATEGY SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ENTIRELY ON FORCING FIRM AND SERIOUS CONFRONTATION WITH US AND ESCALATING ON WIDEST POSSIBLE SCALE SUCH MEASURES AS NATIONALIZATION OF AMERICAN OIL AND OTHER ECONOMIC INTERESTS, ERADICATING
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ALL US MILITARY BASES IN ARAB COUNTRIES, AND BOYCOTTING US ECONO-

MICALLY AND POLITICALLY. SINCE USG CONTINUES PROP UP ISRAEL WITH MASSIVE ARMS SHIPMENTS AND POLITICAL SUPPORT, ARAB MASSES CANNOT POSSIBLY JOIN SADAT IN REGARDING US POSITION AS "CONSTRUCTIVE"

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DESCRIBING US POSITION IN SUCH MANNER, SAID NIDA, THREATENS CONTINUATION OF STRUGGLE WITH ISRAEL AND WEAKENS ARAB WILL TO SEE IT THROUGH. ARAB INTERESTS HAVE NEVER BEEN SERVED BY PRAISING AMERICA, FLATTERING IT OR PRESERVING CONTACTS WITH IT. INSTEAD, THIS HAS ALWAYS ENCOURAGED USG TO EXTRACT SUCCESSIVE RETREATS AND COMPROMISES FROM ARABS. ARAB POLITICAL STRATEGY AT PRESENT THUS DEMANDS HEIGHTENED ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN, STRICTER ANTI-AMERICAN MEASURES, AND CLOSER COOPERATION WITH "OUR TRUE FRIENDS AND ALLIES, PARTICULARLY SOVIET UNION". IN CONCLUSION, NIDA NOTED SADAT'S PRAISE FOR MANNER IN WHICH SOVS HAVE FULFILLED THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND HOPED HIS WORDS WOULD SILENCE THOSE ARABS WHO ARE CASTING ASPERSIONS ON USSR BY MOUTHING "GOSSIP AND TALES ATTRIBUTED TO EGYPTIAN SOURCES".
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